

REMARKS

Claims 18-20 have been canceled herein; hence, claims 1-17 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Telephone Conference

A telephone conference between Examiner Willett and Mark Gleason was conducted on January 10, 2006. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's call. The examiner indicated the potential allowability of claims 1-17; canceling claims 18-20 would therefore potentially place the application in condition for allowance. Without going into the merits of the rejection of claims 18-20, these claims have been canceled herein to move the application to allowance.

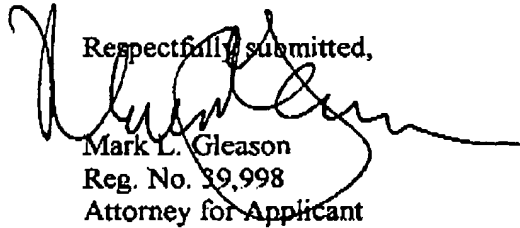
Claim Amendments

Claims 10 and 14 have been amended to correct informal errors.

Conclusion

All of the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any concerns or questions regarding the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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